
6.5 PUBLIC HEARING TRANSCRIPT AND RESPONSES

Public Hearing Comment # 1

Richard Baughn
5821 Zarahemla Road, Placerville, CA 95667

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The bypass looks like a nice plan. It will actually help people who live in the area, I think, with the bypass. I live about two miles from the proposed casino.

Response:

The commenter does not believe the Interchange Project will degrade air quality because cars are already traveling to Lake Tahoe to gamble. The commenter also believes the Interchange Project is helpful to people who live in the area. The comment is noted.

Public Hearing Comment # 2

Art Patterson
2647 Tutor Court, Rescue, CA 95672

Comment:

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Response:

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I think that pretty much sums it up for me.

Response:

The commenter supports the Interchange Project and hotel/casino and believes it is "long overdue" and "an important factor for the [T]ribe to survive." The comment is noted.

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Response:

The commenter believes that the Tribe should have direct access to the Rancheria. The commenter objects to El Dorado County spending taxpayer dollars to fight the Interchange Project and believes that the opposition is funded by Nevada casinos. The comments are noted.

Public Hearing Comment # 5

Fern Billinger
Ponderosa Mobile Park, Pollock Pines

Comment:

I am Fern Billinger, and I am from Ponderosa Mobile Park, Pollock Pines. I've been up here 31 years from Southern California.

I'm upset with what is going on with our supervisors in my own county for the simple reason that we voted for these people to have a casino – the Indians from Shingle Springs to have their casino. And that was going along fine. We won. Because the Indians put out a big sign, we won. We were happy. Everybody celebrated.

Then we got the fighting going on, which I feel is unfair to begin with. Because when I have a vote, and I take time, I expect it to be accepted and not forgotten and done away with. I wrote to the supervisors here in the county expressing my views and many of our friends'. They were very unhappy with this very setup. And then they turn around and have all of these millions of dollars they're spending fighting the Indians, court, after court, after court.

Then they turn around meanwhile and they are letting all of the big developers come in and build down here in El Dorado Hills. They put Kmart. They put a great big mall here by Kmart. All this, and not a peep has been said about environmental or anything.

They accused the Indians that if they came in with this casino we would have --- we would have murder, we would have have stealing, we would have crime, we would have pot and we would have traffic. Well, I've got news for everybody: We've got that right now, and it's not the Indians' fault at all.

This is what burns the average person up. I'm not here today just for my husband, my daughter and myself, but I've been asked to represent the seniors in our area as well, also some of the constituents. But that is the main peeve that we have. Thank you very much. Thank you.

Response:

The commenter "represent[s] the seniors in [the] area" and is upset with the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors regarding its objection to the Interchange Project. The comments are noted.

Public Hearing Comment # 6

Dale Sinclair
4330 Panorama Road, Space 28, Placerville, CA

Comment:

My name is Dale Sinclair. I live at 4330 Panorama Drive, Space 28, Placerville, California. I've been there approximately 20 years. Before that, 10 years in Georgetown.

I've been following this ---I don't know what you want to call it. I just don't --I can't understand why they won't let them have their own road. I've got the thing that was in the paper. There is a list here, EPA, all of the standards, they passed all this. What's --I don't understand what the problem is, other than our illustrious board of supervisors don't seem to care about anything except maybe they are getting money from Tahoe. That's crossed my mind.

So on my comment I just put down, what's the problem? State and federal standards are way above all the tests required and done. So I don't know why we are going through all of this. They have turned all of their money down, \$15 million the county could have had. We could put 1,800 people to work. A lot of them are probably on welfare right now. Get them off. Also, the taxes that would come in. I just don't understand what --well, they say the crime rate and this and that. That's about it. I'm fed up. Thank you very much.

Response:

The commenter supports the Interchange Project. The comment is noted.

Public Hearing Comment # 7

Richard Holmes
3357 Chasen Drive, Cameron Park, CA

Comment:

My name is Richard Holmes. I live at 3357 Chasen Drive, Cameron Park, California.

And I want to comment on the alternatives. I would favor Alternative E, reduced casino, no hotel. And if that's not feasible, no casino. Those would be my two preferences.

I also note what appears to be errors in the analysis of the supplemental DEIR, Table 2 in particular, the trip generation analysis. The peak hour daily trips are less than five percent of the weekday average daily trips. . That means less than 1/20th of the average. And it's very odd that when there's only 24 hours in a day that the peak hours almost would have –it's almost less than the average –effective average. So I think there are some real errors in the analysis for the peak hour daily trips. And that's my comment.

Response:

The commenter favors Alternative E. The commenter also notes a typographical error in the Draft Supplemental EIR. Caltrans also noted that error early in the comment period and issued an errata containing the correct number. This Final Supplemental EIR contains that errata.

Public Hearing Comment # 8

Mary Ann Koch
833, El Dorado, CA 95623

Comment:

My name is Mary Ann Koch. My post office box is 833, El Dorado, California 95726—no—95623. I gave you my home address.

Okay. Anyway, I'm not here to be judgmental about the casino or whether it should or shouldn't be built. My concern is there was a commitment made by Caltrans that they would put an offramp and an interchange there in Shingle Springs at the casino location, or nearby. And because it is so hard to get off the freeway and worm around and take the scenic route, I think they made the commitment and they should follow through and they should build it.

Whether the casino gets built or not, that's not my concern. My concern is that there was a commitment made that that would be put in. It was dropped because of funding or whatever reason. And I want to see them do it. Just shut up and do it. And that's all I have to say.

Response:

The commenter wishes the Interchange Project completed. The comment is noted.

Public Hearing Comment # 9

Carolyn Doty

6100 Pleasant Valley Road, No. 45, El Dorado, CA 95682

Comment:

My name is Carolyn Doty, and I'm with the ----or I don't have to tell you who I'm with, I guess. I'm at 6100 Pleasant Valley Road, No. 45, El Dorado. Do you want the zip? 95682.

And I feel that the Rancheria needs this flyover interchange because they need a way to come and go from the reservation. It's very dangerous where they are right now. They can't get in and out very – if there was a fire there, it would be a tremendous situation where they only have that little bridge to come in and out of. And they need this access very badly. So that's my statement.

Response:

The commenter supports the Interchange Project for access reasons. The comment is noted.

Public Hearing Comment # 10

Sam Koch
5018 Bend Court, Pollock Pines, CA

Comment:

My name is Sam Koch, K-o-c-h, and my address is 5018 Bend Court--that's B-e-n-d Court in Pollock Pines, California.

I wanted to make sure that I was on record that I believe that the interchange should be completed for the Indians' property there, because I think it's unconscionable that they were allowed to be landlocked. Whatever they do with the property, I don't care. But the fact that Caltrans, the state, the county has allowed them to become landlocked and become victims of the system is unconscionable. So I want to go on record very strongly supporting the interchange.

Response:

The commenter supports the Interchange Project for access reasons. The comment is noted.

Public Hearing Comment # 11

Ira Mirsky
3255 Francis Ave., Placerville, CA

Comment:

My name is Ira Mirsky. I live at 3255 Francis Ave., Placerville, California.

My comment is I'm 100 percent for the Rancheria to have the overpass where they can get out and their goods and services brought to them instead of going through the maze that they have to go through now. That's it.

Response:

The commenter supports the Interchange Project for access reasons. The comment is noted.

Public Hearing Comment # 12

Frank Marquez
No given address

Comment:

My name is Frank Marquez; born in the United States, of course.

And my opinion the casino is a good thing for the county. Maybe it would be better than even a good thing, because the county is operating in a deep hole, economic, and the Indians will be paying \$5 million a year for 20 years. That's a pretty big change. And I think the people in Placerville and El Dorado County should jump in there. And maybe they could even build the 50 overpass in the town so people don't complain. Thank you very much.

Response:

The commenter supports the Interchange Project for access reasons. The comment is noted.

Public Hearing Comment # 13

Steven Rounds
2555 Kittywake Lane, Camino, CA 95709

Comment;

Hi. I'm Steven C. Rounds, and I'm at 2555 Kittywake Lane in Camino, California, area (sic) code, 95709. Do you want the phone number? No.

My feeling, after, after having read the position they were using spurious logic. Looking at the charts out there, seeing –they were saying that there was going to be more smog and wear and tear on the roads from the casino. And that interchange proposal shows that there is going to be a one percent change in smog, and a three-tenths of one percent cost increase in dealing with ameliorating that smog.

So as far as I'm concerned on this interchange, I think the Indians should absolutely be allowed to do it. My one side comment though would be I was originally from Southern California, and a lot of the freeway sound barrier walls have Indian patterns in them when the barrier wall is in an area that has –for instance, the San Gabriel Mission. And I would love to see on that overpass the Miwok tribe take some of the symbology they use on their casino outside, the frontage, and have that embossed into the overpass. Because I think that would help remind people that they didn't pay for it, the Indians paid for it, which would be nice to remind people of.

And do you want comments on the casino as well?

Reporter: Whatever you would like to state.

And then on the casino the board of supervisors's logic is spurious, because they tell people that the Miwoks have no historical claim to this land, that their roots were not in this area. Well, yeah. That's because the whites bumped them off their better-suited-for-agriculture and industrial-use land in Sacramento Valley because the whites wanted that land for farming, and they bumped them up to an area that is not really suitable for farming. And as a result, the Indians have to do something to make a living.

And so again, as far as the casino is concerned, I say, by God, it's their land, let them do with it what they want, let them make money with it if they can. And it's -- I think the board of supervisors has a totally spurious logic in their position paper that is on the web. Thank you.

Response:

The commenter supports the Interchange Project, but wishes to see some Native American art included in the interchange. The comment is noted.

Public Hearing Comment # 14

Kelly Etheridge
1901 Swansboro Road, Placerville, CA

Comment:

My name is Kelly Etheridge. And I'm in favor of the casino opening. And you want my address. 1901 Swansboro Road, Placerville, California.

Response:

The commenter supports the Interchange project. The comment is noted.

Public Hearing Comment # 15

Robert J. Heilman.
Hanks Exchange Road

Comment:

I'm signed in as Robert J. Heilman, and I'm just called Bob Heilman. I live at --- on the end of Hanks Exchange Road.

And I'm a recent supporter of the Indian casino. And I don't think it can get so big that it will be a problem. And I'm glad to see the environmental impact report saying this is not a problem. And I would like to see the county stop spending money on trying to stop it. And I would like to see us take advantage of the proposal by the Indian tribe to give the county money. I would like to make peace with the Indians and see what we can do to make it a mutually satisfactory agreement. So I don't have any problem with it. So that's it.

Response:

The commenter supports the Interchange Project. The comment is noted.

Public Hearing Comment # 16

Mike Sproull
1321 Kanaka Valley Road, Rescue, CA 95672

Comment:

My name is Mike Sproull. You want me to say my address? 1321 Kanaka Valley Road in Rescue, 95672.

I'm here today to put input on the interchange project for the Miwok Indian –band of Miwok Indians. And I came today to just kind of tell my story on what I feel about the whole subject.

I feel they should have access to their land. I feel their land is landlocked, and I feel that anybody that has land in El Dorado County should have equal access to it. Their access is very limited at this point. And I'm not talking anything about the casino or any other interest, just about their access to their land. I feel that it is imperative as citizens of the El Dorado County that we give them access to their land to be able to use it like any other citizen of El Dorado County would have the right to do. Thank you.

Response:

The commenter supports the Interchange Project for access reasons. The comment is noted.

Public Hearing Comment # 17

Judy Mathat
2915 Dyer Way, Placerville, CA

Comment;

Judy, J-u-d-y, M-a-t-h-a-t, Mathat, 2915 Dyer, D-y-e-r , Way, Placerville, California. I'm a previous resident of the Greenstone area, and I moved up --- out from there. Prior to that I was familiar with the Rancheria.

When my husband and I came through here in 1961 to get married, the freeway was going through at that time, and it's almost 45 years ago. I have five generations in this county. And I have since learned that during that time the Rancheria's access was cut off by the insertion of that freeway. And I believe that for the economic benefit of the residents of Shingle Springs Rancheria that they need to be able to have their overpass, their flyover overpass, so that they can improve their lives, and will reduce the traffic impact on their neighbors.

Response:

The commenter supports the Interchange Project for access reasons. The comment is noted.

Public Hearing Comment # 18

Ruth Tausta
P.O Box 1231, El Dorado, CA

Comment:

My name is Ruth Tausta. My P.O. Box is 1231, El Dorado, California. And I live right –very close to that little town of El Dorado, just south on the way to Jackson on Union Mine Road. So it's close.

Anyway, my comments are, I do not object to the native people having their own casino or their own private freeway pass into the Shingle Springs Rancheria. I think it's long overdue. And I think the citizens who are protesting it are being very greedy and very illogical, because the roads were there before they moved in, because it was Indian territory for centuries.

So anyway, that's basically all there is. And I think that ---I hope that it does go through, like the calendar says. In fact, it would be nice if it would proceed more quickly so that we can forget trying to stop it, forget paying our taxes trying to stop it, let the Native Americans go ahead with their plans so that they can find work for themselves and other people in the community, which I imagine –which they have promised to do. And I think I believe their promises better than our former white man's promises to the Native Americans in the past. That's all.

Response:

The Commenter supports the Interchange Project. The comment is noted.

Public Hearing Comment # 19

Frank Finger
4985 Mistywood Lane, Shingle Springs, CA 95682

Comment:

Okay. It's Frank Finger. I'm at 4985 Mistywood Lane, Shingle Springs, California, 95682.

Well, basically my comments or concerns are about traffic, smog, noise and – well, basically that's it, and also the fact that I've seen estimates of traffic counts, etcetera, being grossly underdone. I have been involved in development quite a bit in the past and have been through these situations before.

My concerned are, first, that very likely the estimates are wrong, or could be, and that I might see double or triple the traffic that is estimated, therefore, producing a considerable amount of noise, smog, traffic congestion. And where I live is about a mile from the freeway, which now I hear traffic, and I hate to see it increase much more, since it's increased quite a bit in the last five years even.

Smog of course, is, you know, one of the things that happens along with a good amount of traffic. And so far we have been getting more and more smog here lately. When I first moved here, it was extremely nice, clear. You could breathe. I got out of Orange County for that reason.

So basically, those are my concerns. And I just cannot see that even at this time – the estimates that you have are mind-boggling. I mean, I understand there is something over 2,000 additional cars a day, which blows my mind. I just hate to see this type of a thing happening in a new, rural area. That's the reason I moved here, and I just hate to see it go. I think that's the end of my comment.

Response:

The commenter believes that estimates of traffic and air quality impacts are too low. Caltrans' analysis and conclusions regarding these impacts are set forth in the 2002 EIR and the Supplemental EIR, and in Caltrans' view, those analyses and conclusions support the estimates of traffic and air quality impacts. The analysis of air quality impacts in the 2002 EIR was, with one exception, upheld by the Court of Appeal, and the Supplemental EIR has provided the additional information on that one issue in response to the Court of Appeal's direction.

Public Hearing Comment # 20

David Shepard
1480 Quail Run Road, Placerville, CA

Comment:

I'm David Shepard, S-he-p-a-r-d. I live at 1480 Quail Run Road, Placerville.

My comment relates to surface street impacts. I think that the building of this offramp with the increased traffic that will be coming to the area because of the commercial development here will not only impact that spot, but it will impact offramps down the line, and a little bit above the line as well. As people travel to and from they are going to be getting off for gasoline, for snacks, for breaks, whatever, shopping, and a number of them will get off in places like Cameron Park Drive or the Ponderosa Road exit.

Those two offramps in particular I travel everyday, morning and afternoon. They are highly impacted even as they exist today with the current residents, because there are close surface – frontage roads that border the freeway on the sides and the businesses that are there. And traffic is even now backed up on the overpass on one, and the underpass on another, and the offramps from the freeway. So sometimes the traffic actually backs up onto the freeway because the cars cannot get off fast enough because of the lights and traffic. And I think with the additional projected 10,000 plus trips of additional cars it's going to have a significant impact on that.

Another thing is that the concentration here seems to be the Highway 50 corridor. But there will also be impacts from north to south through smaller surface streets. The particular one I'm thinking of is the one I live along, and that's for folks that would be coming from the Auburn/80 area down Highway 49 to Placerville, or from Lotus Road, Shingle –North Shingle Road.

And those are all two-lane roads. They have very few shoulders on those roads. They are usually in a state of despair because of potholes and whatever that are causing the roads to be worn or damaged. And the increased traffic is going to make it worse specifically for residents like me who turn off and onto these roads. And in most cases there's no turn lane to get into your residential street. So you have to wait in the major two-lane road while traffic clears so you can cross. And that's just going to get worse with the increased traffic. I guess that's enough.

Response:

The commenter believes that the Interchange Project will have substantial impacts on surface streets and neighboring interchanges. The 2002 EIR evaluated these issues and found that impacts would be less-than-significant.

Public Hearing Comment # 21

Dennis Mathat
2915 Dyer Way, Placerville, CA

Comment:

My name is Dennis Mathat. My mailing address is 2915 Dyer Way, Placerville, California.

And my comment is, it is my opinion that the American Indians have been downtrodden for so long. If they need access to their property, they should have an overpass to be able to get there, since the people who control their access now don't even treat them like third-class citizens. They should be treated humanely, or something like that. But you are taking it verbatim.

Response:

The commenter supports the Interchange Project for access reasons. The comment is noted.

PUBLIC HEARING IN RE
SHINGLE SPRINGS RANCHERIA

Held at Diamond Springs El Dorado Firefighters
Association Firefighters Memorial Hall
3734 China Garden Road
Diamond Springs, California

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10 around and have all of these millions of dollars
11 they're spending fighting the Indians, court, after
12 court, after court.

13 Then they turn around meanwhile and they
14 are letting all of the big developers come in and
15 build down here in El Dorado Hills. They put Kmart.
16 They put a great big mall here right by Kmart. All
17 this, and not a peep has been said about
18 environmental or anything.

19 They accuse the Indians that if they came
20 in with this casino we would have -- we would have
21 murder, we would have stealing, we would have crime,
22 we would have pot and we would have traffic. Well,
23 I've got news for everybody: we've got that right
24 now, and it's not the Indians' fault at all.
25 This is what burns the average person up.

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1 I'm not here today just for my husband, my daughter
2 and myself, but I've been asked to represent the
3 seniors in our area as well, also some of the
4 constituents. But that is the main peeve that we
5 have. Thank you very much. Thank you.

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7 MR. SINCLAIR: My name is Dale Sinclair. I
8 live at 4330 Panorama Drive, Space 28, Placerville,
9 California. I've been there approximately 20 years.
10 Before that, 10 years in Georgetown.

11 I've been following this -- I don't know
12 what you want to call it. I just don't -- I can't
13 understand why they won't let them have their own
14 road. I've got the thing that was in the paper.
15 There is a list here, EPA, all of the standards,
16 they passed all this. What's -- I don't understand
17 what the problem is, other than our illustrious
18 board of supervisors don't seem to care about
19 anything, except maybe they are getting money from
20 Tahoe. That's crossed my mind.

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21 So on my comment I just put down, what's
22 the problem? State and federal standards are way
23 above all the tests required and done. So I don't
24 know why we are going through all of this. They
25 have turned all of their money down, \$15 million the

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1 county could have had. We could put 1,800 people to
2 work. A lot of them are probably on welfare right
3 now. Get them off. Also, the taxes that would come
4 in. I just don't understand what -- well, they say
5 the crime rate and all, this and that. That's about
6 it. I'm fed up. Thank you very much.

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8 MR. HOLMES: My name is Richard Holmes. I
9 live at 3357 Chasen Drive in Cameron Park,
10 California.

11 And I want to comment on the alternatives.
12 I would favor Alternative E, reduced casino, no
13 hotel. And if that's not feasible, no casino.
14 Those would be my two preferences.

15 I also note what appears to be errors in
16 the analysis of the supplemental DEIR, Table 2 in
17 particular, the trip generation analysis. The peak
18 hour daily trips are less than five percent of the
19 weekday average daily trips. That means less than
20 1/20th of the average. And it's very odd that when
21 there's only 24 hours in a day that the peak hours
22 almost would have -- it's almost less than the
23 average -- effective average. So I think there are

24 some real errors in the analysis for the peak hour
25 daily trips. And that's my comment.

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2 MS. KOCH: My name is MaryAnn Koch. My
3 post office box is 833, El Dorado, California 95726
4 -- no -- 95623. I gave you my home address.

5 Okay. Anyway, I'm not here to be
6 judgmental about the casino or whether it should or
7 shouldn't be built. My concern is there was a
8 commitment made by Caltrans that they would put an
9 offramp and an interchange there in Shingle Springs
10 at the casino location, or nearby. And because it
11 is so hard to get off the freeway and worm around
12 and take the scenic route, I think they made the
13 commitment and they should follow through and they
14 should build it.

15 whether the casino gets built or not,
16 that's not my concern. My concern is that there was
17 a commitment made that that would be put in. It was
18 dropped because of funding or whatever reason. And
19 I want to see them do it. Just shut up and do it.
20 And that's all I have to say.

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22 MS. DOTY: My name is Carolyn Doty, and I'm
23 with the -- or I don't have to tell you who I'm
24 with, I guess. I'm at 6100 Pleasant Valley Road,
25 No. 45, El Dorado. Do you want the zip? 95682.

1 And I feel that the Rancheria needs this
2 flyover interchange because they need a way to come
3 and go from that reservation. It's very dangerous
4 where they are right now. They can't get in and out
5 very -- if there was a fire there, it would be a
6 tremendous situation where they only have that
7 little bridge to come in and out of. And they need
8 this access very badly. So that's my statement.

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10 MR. KOCH: My name is Sam Koch, K-o-c-h,
11 and my address is 5018 Bend Court -- that's B-e-n-d
12 Court -- in Pollock Pines, California.

13 I wanted to make sure that I was on record
14 that I believe that the interchange should be
15 completed for the Indians' property there, because I
16 think it's unconscionable that they were allowed to
17 be landlocked. Whatever they do with the property,
18 I don't care. But the fact that Caltrans, the
19 state, the county has allowed them to become
20 landlocked and become victims of the system is
21 unconscionable. So I want to go on record very
22 strongly supporting the interchange.

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24 MR. MIRSKY: Okay. My name is Ira Mirsky.
25 I live at 3255 Francis Avenue, Placerville,

1 California.

2 My comment is I'm 100 percent for the
3 Rancheria to have the overpass where they can get
4 out and get their goods and services brought to them
5 instead of going through the maze that they have to
6 go through now. That's it.

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8 MR. MARQUEZ: My name is Frank Marquez;
9 born in the United States, of course.

10 And in my opinion the casino is a good
11 thing for the county. Maybe it would be better than
12 even a good thing, because the county is operating
13 in a deep hole, economic, and the Indians will be
14 paying \$5 million a year for 20 years. That's a
15 pretty big change. And I think the people in
16 Placerville and El Dorado County should jump in
17 there. And maybe they could even build the 50
18 overpass in the town so people don't complain.
19 Thank you very much.

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21 MR. ROUNDS: Hi. I'm Steven C. Rounds, and
22 I'm at 2555 Kittywake Lane in Camino, California,
23 area (sic) code, 95709. Do you want the phone
24 number? No.

25 My feeling, after having read the position

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1 paper by the county board of supervisors, was that

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2 they were using spurious logic. Looking at the
3 charts out there, seeing -- they were saying that
4 there was going to be more smog and wear and tear on
5 the roads from the casino. And that interchange
6 proposal shows that there is going to be a one
7 percent change in smog, and a three-tenths of one
8 percent cost increase in dealing with ameliorating
9 that smog.

10 So as far as I'm concerned on this
11 interchange, I think the Indians should absolutely
12 be allowed to do it. My one side comment though
13 would be I was originally from Southern California,
14 and a lot of the freeway sound barrier walls have
15 Indian patterns in them when the barrier wall is in
16 an area that has -- for instance, the San Gabriel
17 Mission. And I would love to see on that overpass
18 the Miwok tribe take some of the symbology they use
19 on their casino outside, the frontage, and have that
20 embossed into the overpass. Because I think that
21 would help remind people that they didn't pay for
22 it, the Indians paid for it, which would be nice to
23 remind people of.

24 And do you want comments on the casino as
25 well?

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1 THE REPORTER: whatever you would like to
2 state.

3 MR. ROUNDS: And then on the casino the
4 board of supervisor's logic is spurious, because

5 they tell people that the Miwoks have no historical
6 claim to this land, that their roots were not in
7 this area. well, yeah. That's because the whites
8 bumped them off their better-suited-for-agriculture
9 and industrial-use land in the Sacramento Valley
10 because the whites wanted that land for farming, and
11 they bumped them up to an area that is not really
12 suitable for farming. And so as a result, the
13 Indians have to do something to make a living.

14 And so again, as far as the casino is
15 concerned, I say, by God, it's their land, let them
16 do with it what they want, let them make money with
17 it if they can. And it's -- I think the board of
18 supervisors has a totally spurious logic in their
19 position paper that is on the web. Thank you.

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21 MS. ETHERIDGE: My name is Kelly Etheridge.
22 And I'm in favor of the casino opening. And you
23 want my address. 1901 Swansboro Road, Placerville,
24 California.

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1 MR. HEILMAN: I'm signed in as Robert J.
2 Heilman, and I'm just called Bob Heilman. I live at
3 -- on the end of Hanks Exchange Road.

4 And I'm a recent supporter of the Indian
5 casino. And I don't think it can get so big that it
6 will be a problem. And I'm glad to see the

7 environmental impact report saying this is not a
8 problem. And I would like to see the county stop
9 spending money on trying to stop it. And I would
10 like to see us take advantage of the proposal by the
11 Indian tribe to give the county money. I would like
12 to make peace with the Indians and see what we can
13 do to make it a mutually satisfactory arrangement.
14 So I don't have any problem with it. So that's it.

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16 MR. SPROULL: My name is Mike Sproull. You
17 want me to say my address? 1321 Kanaka Valley Road
18 in Rescue, 95672.

19 I'm here today to put input on the
20 interchange for the Miwok Indian -- band of Miwok
21 Indians. And I came today to just kind of tell my
22 story on what I feel about the whole subject.

23 I feel they should have access to their
24 land. I feel their land is landlocked, and I feel
25 that anybody that has land in El Dorado County

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1 should have equal access to it. Their access is
2 very limited at this point. And I'm not talking
3 anything about the casino or any other interest,
4 just about their access to their land. I feel that
5 it is imperative as citizens of El Dorado County
6 that we give them access to their land to be able to
7 use it like any other citizen of El Dorado County
8 would have the right to do. Thank you.

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10 MS. MATHAT: Judy, J-u-d-y, M-a-t-h-a-t,
11 Mathat, 2915 Dyer, D-y-e-r, Way, Placerville,
12 California. I'm a previous resident of the
13 Greenstone area, and I moved up -- out from there.
14 Prior to that I was familiar with the Rancheria.

15 When my husband and I came through here in
16 1961 to get married, the freeway was going through
17 at that time, and it's almost 45 years ago. I have
18 five generations in this county. And I have since
19 learned that during that time the Rancheria's access
20 was cut off by the insertion of that freeway. And I
21 believe that for the economic benefit of the
22 residents of the Shingle Springs Rancheria that they
23 need to be able to have their overpass, their
24 flyover overpass, so that they can improve their
25 lives, and it will reduce the traffic impact on

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1 their neighbors.

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3 MS. TAUSTA: My name is Ruth Tausta. My
4 P.O. Box is 1231, El Dorado, California. And I live
5 right -- very close to that little town of
6 El Dorado, just south on the way to Jackson on Union
7 Mine Road. So it's close.

8 Anyway, my comments are, I do not object to
9 the native people having their own casino or their
10 own private freeway pass into the Shingle Springs
11 Rancheria. I think it's long overdue. And I think

12 the citizens who are protesting it are being very
13 greedy and very illogical, because the roads were
14 there before they moved in, because it was Indian
15 territory for centuries.

16 So anyway, that's basically all there is.
17 And I think that -- I hope that it does go through,
18 like the calendar says. In fact, it would be nice
19 if it would proceed more quickly so that we can
20 forget trying to stop it, forget paying our taxes
21 trying to stop it, let the Native Americans go ahead
22 with their plans so that they can find work for
23 themselves and other people in the community, and
24 also pay taxes back to the community, which I
25 imagine -- which they have promised to do. And I

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1 think I believe their promises better than our
2 former white man's promises to the Native Americans
3 in the past. That's all.

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5 MR. FINGER: Okay. It's Frank Finger. I'm
6 at 4985 Mistywood Lane, Shingle Springs, California
7 95682.

8 well, basically my comments or concerns are
9 about traffic, smog, noise and -- well, basically
10 that's it, and also the fact that I've seen
11 estimates of traffic counts, etcetera, being grossly
12 underdone. I have been involved in development
13 quite a bit in the past and have been through these
14 situations before.

17 Placerville.

18 My comment relates to surface street
19 impacts. I think that the building of this offramp
20 with the increased traffic that will be coming to
21 the area because of the commercial development here
22 will not only impact that spot, but it will impact
23 offramps down the line, and a little bit above the
24 line as well. As people travel to and from they are
25 going to be getting off for gasoline, for snacks,

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1 for breaks, whatever, shopping, and a number of them
2 will get off in places like Cameron Park Drive or
3 the Ponderosa Road exit.

4 Those two offramps in particular I travel
5 every day, morning and afternoon. They are highly
6 impacted even as they exist today with the current
7 residents, because there are close surface --
8 frontage roads that border the freeway on the sides
9 and the businesses that are there. And traffic is
10 even now backed up on the overpass on one, and the
11 underpass on another, and the offramps from the
12 freeway. So sometimes the traffic actually backs up
13 onto the freeway because the cars cannot get off
14 fast enough because of the lights and the traffic.
15 And I think with the additional projected 10,000
16 plus trips of additional cars it's going to have a
17 significant impact on that.

18 Another thing is that the concentration
19 here seems to be on the Highway 50 corridor. But

20 there will also be impacts from north and south
21 through smaller surface streets. The particular one
22 I'm thinking of is the one I live along, and that's
23 for folks that would be coming from the Auburn/80
24 area down Highway 49 to Placerville, or from Lotus
25 Road, Shingle -- North Shingle Road.

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1 And those are all two-lane roads. They
2 have very few shoulders on those roads. They are
3 usually in a state of disrepair because of potholes
4 and whatever that are causing the roads to be worn
5 or damaged. And the increased traffic is going to
6 make it worse specifically for residents like me who
7 turn off and onto these roads. And in most cases
8 there's no turn lane to get into your residential
9 street. So you have to wait in the major two-lane
10 road while traffic clears so you can cross. And
11 that's just going to get worse with the increased
12 traffic. I guess that's enough.

13 --oOo--

14 MR. MATHAT: My name is Dennis Mathat. My
15 mailing address is 2915 Dyer Way, Placerville,
16 California.

17 And my comment is, it is my opinion that
18 the American Indians have been downtrodden for so
19 long. If they need access to their property, they
20 should have an overpass to be able to get there,
21 since the people who control their access now don't

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22 even treat them like third-class citizens. They
23 should be treated humanely, or something like that.
24 But you are taking it verbatim.
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